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## COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1020.11A

Subj : COAST GUARD HOT WEATHER BOAT CREW OUTFIT

- Ref:
- (a) Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series)
  - (b) Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series)
  - (c) Preventing Heat Casualties, COMDTPUB P6200.12 (series)
  - (d) Coast Guard Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10 (series)
  - (e) Maritime Law Enforcement Manual, COMDTINST M16247.1 (series)
1. PURPOSE. This instruction authorizes the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit as organizational clothing. It also provides up-to-date guidance identifying when the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit is appropriate for wear; the outfit's components; and where to purchase them.
  2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, and commanding officers of headquarters units shall ensure all active duty, reserve, and Auxiliary personnel affected by this instruction become familiar with and adhere to its provisions.
  3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. The Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit Instruction, COMDTINST 1020.11, is canceled. The information in this instruction will be reflected, as appropriate, in the next change to the Auxiliary Manual, Manual, COMDTINST M16247.1 (series); and the Coast Guard Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10 (series). The next edition of the Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), also will refer to this instruction.

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4. DISCUSSION. At times during the year, humidity and high temperatures may cause undue physical discomfort for personnel performing outdoor activities while wearing standard uniform articles. When engaged in strenuous boat crew duties or vessel examination activities, the crew's physical discomfort can be intense. Continued exposure and exertion in these conditions can lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and, in extreme cases, heat stroke. To address these concerns, reference (a) allows Program Directors to authorize the use and proper wear of organizational clothing that is necessary to safely and efficiently execute program goals.
5. MAJOR CHANGES. A summary of the major changes in this instruction are listed below:
  - a. Changes who is authorized to prescribe the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit from the district commander to commanding officers, officers in charge, and senior Auxiliary officers, unless higher authority prohibits or otherwise regulates its use.
  - b. Clarifies the environmental conditions in which the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit may be authorized.
  - c. Authorizes personnel working onboard ATON boats to wear the outfit.
  - d. Addresses the differences between the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit and the Tropical Boarding Uniform authorized for boarding team members.
  - e. Authorizes all-black shoes with black non-skid/non- marking soles as part of the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit.
6. PROCEDURES.

Per references (a) and (b), commanding officers, officers in charge, and Auxiliary unit senior elected officers (district commodores, division captains, and flotilla commanders) are authorized to designate the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit as organizational clothing for participants (active duty, reserve, and Auxiliary) in the below listed activities, unless higher authority prohibits or otherwise regulates its use. Boarding team members may wear only the Tropical Boarding Uniform -- the "shorts" uniform authorized in reference (e). The Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit should be prescribed only when environmental conditions are such that rest breaks

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would be recommended per enclosure (2) to reference (c) (the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature and Water Recommendations Chart).

- (1) Participating in a boat crew, including trainees, or in a crew on a boat used to service aids to navigation.
- (2) Conducting Courtesy Marine Examinations (CMEs), Personal Watercraft (PWC) Safety Check Examinations, or Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations (CFEs).

When authorized to wear the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit for an activity outlined in paragraph 6.a, all participants must wear the same version including footwear, socks, shorts, shirts, and headcover.

The Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit is not authorized for liberty or any social occasion or function.

Once the uniform prescribing authority identifies the components of the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit, the unit commander must set unit allowances to match unit needs. Per reference (a), Coast Guard units must procure organizational clothing items (i.e., those which are not uniform issue, including costs to purchase and hem utility trousers to make shorts) and make them available to appropriate personnel. Units must balance priority for procuring non-uniform items of the Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit with the requirements for other organizational clothing.

The Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit consists of these items:

- (1) Footwear -- For all personnel, an ANSI Z41 Class-75 compliant safety boot (e.g., the standard Coast Guard issue safety boot); all-black, low top, athletic shoes with black non-skid/non-marking soles; or dark brown deck (or boat) shoes with non-skid/non-marking soles. For Auxiliary personnel only, all white, low top, athletic shoes with non-skid/non-marking soles.
- (2) Socks -- All white, athletic type, crew length.
- (3) Shorts -- Standard Coast Guard blue utility trousers modified in the same style as standard military trousers evenly hemmed three to six inches above the knee. Personnel must wear standard Coast Guard or

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Auxiliary web belt, as appropriate, with the shorts. The local uniform prescribing authority may authorize using commercially available shorts close in color and overall appearance to Coast Guard blue utility trousers.

- (4) Shirt -- Either standard Coast Guard light blue (AF shade 1550) short sleeve or standard Coast Guard dark blue (shade 3362) short sleeve worn tucked into the shorts.
- (5) Shirt Insignia -- Wear name tag, breast insignia, and collar devices prescribed in references (a) and (b), as appropriate. Embroidered and sewn-on collar devices are authorized per references (a) and (b). Do not wear name tag or breast insignia when wearing a PFD.
- (6) Headcover -- For active duty or reserve personnel, standard Coast Guard blue ball cap with standard rank device worn centered on the front; for Auxiliary personnel, blue working utility cap with Auxiliary miniature cap device worn centered on the front, dark blue Auxiliary unit baseball cap with office insignia (collar device) or member insignia worn centered on the front, or Coast Guard unit blue ball cap with member insignia. Embroidered and sewn-on uniform items are authorized per references (a) and (b).

7. PROCUREMENT.

- a. The clothing items for the Coast Guard Hot Weather Boat Crew Outfit identified in paragraph 6.e, are available as follows:
  - (1) Footwear -- Acceptable black shoes and boat or deck shoes are available from the Uniform Distribution Center. Acceptable athletic shoes or black shoes are not available from any district/region Auxiliary Material Center. Acceptable athletic shoes normally are available from any shoe, clothing, or department store.
  - (2) Socks -- Acceptable socks are available from the Uniform Distribution Center but not available from any district/region Auxiliary Material Center; however, they normally are available from any shoe, clothing, or department store.

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- (3) Shorts -- Acceptable shorts currently are not available from either the Uniform Distribution Center or any district/region Auxiliary Material Center. Personnel either may modify standard Coast Guard blue utility trousers as described in paragraph 6.e.(3) or purchase equivalent items from commercial sources as authorized by the uniform prescribing authority.
  - (4) Shirts -- Standard Coast Guard short sleeve shirts (either color) are available from the Uniform Distribution Center or any district/region Auxiliary Material Center.
  - (5) Headcover -- Standard Coast Guard blue ball caps are available from the Uniform Distribution Center. Standard Auxiliary blue working utility and unit caps are available from any district/region Auxiliary Material Center. Coast Guard unit ball caps are available from the local Coast Guard unit.
  - (6) Embroidered and Sewn-On Uniform Items -- Standard Coast Guard embroidered and sewn-on collar devices are available from the Uniform Distribution Center. Standard Auxiliary embroidered and sewn-on uniform items are available from the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN) - formerly the Auxiliary National Material Center. Auxiliary embroidered and sewn-on uniform items are not available from any district/region Auxiliary Material Center.
- b. Procure issue clothing from these sources:
- (1) For standard Coast Guard items -
    - (a) Send mail orders to:

USCG Uniform Distribution Center  
1 Munro Avenue  
Cape May, NJ 08204-5002
    - (b) Telephone orders to: 1-800-874-6841  
If busy: 1-609-898-6933
    - (c) FAX orders to: 1-609-898-6807
  - (2) For standard Auxiliary items, personnel should contact any district/region Auxiliary Material Center.

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c. Availability of non-issue uniform items (e.g., shorts, socks, and athletic or black shoes).

- (1) In the future, if demand for any of these items is sufficient, the Uniform Distribution Center may contract for and stock them in a standard color and design. Until the Uniform Distribution Center stocks these items, uniform prescribing authorities may authorize commercially available substitutes when the item's material, color, and appearance closely approximate the appearance of the specific item paragraph 6.e describes. Uniform prescribing authorities will be the deciding authority on whether commercially available substitutes are appropriate for use. These items are not available from any district/region Auxiliary Material Center, nor the AUXCEN.

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**NON-STANDARD DISTRIBUTION:**

Coast Guard Auxiliary

All Auxiliary Coxswains and Crewman

All Auxiliary Vessel Examiners

All Flotilla Commanders